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1. DURING OUR MEETING ON MARCH 22, GENSCHER RAISED THE
MATTER OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ERW CONSULTATIONS IN
THE NAC. AS HAD BLECH WITH THE DCM (REF B), GENSCHER
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NOTED THAT THE FRG HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL TO PREPARE
THE GROUND FOR A POSITIVE DECISION AT THE MEETING.
GERMANY HAD LOBBIED WITH BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS;
GENSCHER SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED TO THE DUTCH
FOREIGN MINISTER. MOREOVER, HE HAD SPOKEN TO DANISH
FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN WHO HAD AGREED TO MAKE A
POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE ERW. IN SUM, GENSCHER

BELIEVED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH A
CONSENSUS HAD THE MEETING BEEN HELD.

2. GENSCHER SAID THE FRG WOULD HAVE PRESENTED ITS
TANK OPTION IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE PREVENTED
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SS-20 OPTION.

3. GENSCHER THEN ASKED ME FOR MORE BACKGROUND ON THE
US DECISION TO REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT IN THE NAC.
I REPLIED ALONG THE LINES OF REF C. GENSCHER LISTENED
ATTENTIVELY BUT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE THOUGHT OTHER
FACTORS ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN THE US DECISION.

4. CONCLUDING, GENSCHER SAID IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO
SET A NEW DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS WHILE THE PROSPECTS
FOR A NAC CONSENSUS REMAINED GOOD. MOREOVER, HE
BELIEVED THAT OPPONENTS OF THE ERW WERE UNAWARE OF
THE ADVANCED STAGE OF NAC DELIBERATIONS AND WERE
PRESENTLY IN A RELATIVE STANDDOWN ON THE ISSUE. IF
WE MOVED QUICKLY IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE
IMPACT OF THEIR ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE ERW.
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